



OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

A Study In Technique

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Sam Grimes went out with his mother and about that, of course, Loris was there. Sam is either a good looking or rich, or both. Sam was neither. Sam was in the garage business. A fair to middling business, with little danger of getting rich.

As for his good looks—I couldn't see any, though I was his best friend and not the critic. He was short. His hair was mud-colored and his spots. His complexion was florid and healthy looking. In short, he was anything but a tall, dark-haired, bronzed-faced god.

In spite of that, the girls went for him. I made up my mind to find out why, figuring that with my looks and his technique—once I got on to it—I'd be able to go places.

A man had come up with a couple of blocks from the garage. "So what?" Sam said when one of his helpers told us about it.

"This restaurant owner knows how to pick waitresses. He's got a couple of knucklers working for him."

I didn't ask Sam if he was going to try the new restaurant that day. When he said he was going out to eat I said I was going to go, and fell in step beside him.

We took a table. At sight of the girl who made her way toward us I think we both got a little wide-eyed. She was all right, all right.

"Nice girl," Sam said to her.

"Yes, sir. What will you have, sir?" You'd think she was a robot serving a couple of other robots, that's how she served the show off in us. It was that way through the whole meal. All she said was "Yes, sir" and "No, sir," in a way that was discouraging.

"Buddy," says I to myself, "you for President!"

might as well quit studying Sam's technique because it won't work with this doll. The only guy who could impress her is Robert Taylor, and even he would have a tough time doing that.

But Sam wasn't discouraged. He was the sort of fellow who just didn't know how to quit. He paid the check, smoked a while thoughtfully, then reached into his pocket for a tip to leave behind the plate. When he change he brought out also an assortment of nuts, screws and telephone plugs. He put two bits under the plate, changed his mind, packed them down a couple of screws, a nut and two or three telephone plugs.

"What did you do that for?" I asked when we were leaving. "A girl like that, she's used to getting tipped with junk. It'll make her wonder about me."

Maybe it would. We were there often after that. Sam tried hard to start a conversation with her and got nowhere. Loris—that's what her boss called her—was polite. Too polite. She was good, though. I mean, I wanted to go to see her for Sam. Maybe if he gave her a decent tip a couple of times. . . . But no, he continued to tip her with junk.

Another time he had wanted to know "What's the idea?" But not Loris. She never said a word about the nuts and bolts. From her attitude you'd think it was the right stuff with which to tip a patient.

This went on for a couple of weeks. Then one day Sam handed her a five-dollar bill with his check. That was the last I had with him. Loris went to the cash register and the latter came back with the change on it. Only it wasn't change. It was a lot of telephone plugs, screws and nuts. Sam just looked at it.

Sam didn't bat an eye. He took the plate, poured the junk in his hand and put it in his pocket. "Correct," he said, and went out.

With a smile he before he spoke again. "That girl's not only smart but she's got a sense of humor. I'm going to marry her."

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So often now— NAMES MAKE SAD NEWS*



The names in this newspaper that interest you most are names of boys you know who are on active service... boys from this community. You used to read their names in school reports, in church and Sunday school items, in news of sport. You read these names today in news from the fighting fronts. So often now these names make sad news.

Let's do all we can to hasten the day when our newspapers can tell of happy things.

Yes, we can do something to hasten that glad day.

When we do this job we help to win victory sooner. We help to end the war sooner. And we do something to benefit ourselves.

The job that we are asked to do is to save our money and lend it to our country.

As each new fighting front is opened more money is needed. More people must be ready to furnish this money.

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"(A Newspaper saying—"Names Make News")"

Be Ready to Buy MORE VICTORY BONDS



BEARS IN THE NATIONAL PARKS

Among the great attractions offered by Canada's national parks is the opportunity to see wild animals in their natural surroundings, but cured of the fear of man. All national parks are wild life sanctuaries. That means that man's presence will not harm them, and they become very tame. Sometimes, particularly in the case of bears this proves to be their undoing.

The public loves to feed bears, and others to fraternize with them. Notes in the parks and in the literature asking them not to do so have little effect. Perhaps if they understood that being "kind" to a bear is the most unkind thing they can do, the park regulations would be better observed.

Instances abound where bears had been petted until they became so bold and troublesome that they had to be destroyed. In Waterton Lakes National Park a mother bear and her two cubs, which had been marauded by tourists, took the seven deer off a cottage while the family were out and helped themselves to some freshly baked pies. They also knocked over and damaged the icebox; food, glassware, and china were destroyed.

It became necessary to shoot the mother bear, and it is feared that her two cubs may yet have to be given the cube.

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WITH THE WEEKLY

formed, have already had an adjustment made on their loss but they cannot rebuild today on account of the restrictions... on materials.

Later Friday we spent a short time at Nelson's famous flagship ship of the 104 guns which Nelson's ship carried with modern day equipment, we were told that the weight of ammunition thrown by that one broadside was more than could be thrown by a modern 16-inch gun. German bombs have left their mark on the Victory as one went right through the ship leaving a large hole in the hull.

The outward appearance, however, is that the famous flagship still stands there as an inspiration to the men of the sea.

On Sunday I paid a visit to Carlton, where 30 school children lost their lives in one of the worst tragedies to strike England during the war. As play during recess the children were struck down by the low airman who had been dropped from a plane which had been shot down. The pilot and his gunner gunned the children at

the school house and the awful explosion of the bomb.

Thirty-six children were killed and their grave is just a few streets down from here where they were buried together. We had planned there were to be 100,000 people gathered in the locality of the school and we went there to see for ourselves. As far as our eyes could see there was no industry of any kind—just a district of houses. Only blindfold criminals could have been responsible for the attack.

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A WEEKLY EDITOR
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